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These secrets must not be surveyed with eyes!

No creature may those flowers crop!

Nor bathe in that clear fountain, Where none but PHCEBE with chaste virgins wash!

In bottom of that sacred mountain— But, whither now? Thy verses overlash!

SESTINE i.

HEN I waked out of dreaming, Looking all about the garden. Sweet PARTHENOPHE was walking: 0 what fortune brought her hither! She much fairer than that Nymph, Which was beat with rose and lilies.

Her cheeks exceed the rose and lilies. I was fortunate in dreaming Of so beautiful a Nymph. To this happy blessed garden, Come, you Nymphs! come, Fairies! hither, Wonder Nature's Wonder walking!

So She seemed, in her walking. As she would make rose and lilies Ever flourish. 0, but hither Hark! (for I beheld it dreaming) Lilies blushed within the garden, Stained with beauties of that Nymph,

The Rose for anger at that Nymph Was pale! and, as She went on walking^ When She gathered in the garden, Tears came from the Rose and Lilies! As they sighed, their breath, in dreaming I could well perceive hither.